

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2757 – SB 3092

February 18, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires local jurisdictions to adopt the 2000 International Energy Conservation Code with 2002 amendments as the minimum energy requirements for new buildings.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures* - \$10,400

Assumptions:

- The cost to purchase the International Energy Code book is \$25. There are 344 municipalities and 95 counties. However, it is estimated that 5% of local governments (22) have already adopted the new code. Thus the increase in local government expenditures is estimated to be \$10,425 ($\$25 \times 417 = \$10,425$).
- Enforcement of the Code will not cause a significant increase in local government expenditures. Local governments who have enforcement capabilities will utilize the updated Code instead of any previous code and will not require additional resources. According to the Department of Commerce and Insurance, enforcement costs are currently recovered through the fees collected through construction permits. Local governments who do not have enforcement capabilities will not be required to enforce the new code.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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